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In re U.S. Patent Application of Bye	)	
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Application No: 09/864,383	)	
	)	Group Art Unit 3623
Filed: May 25, 2001	)	
	)	Examiner: Johnna R. Stimpak
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD AND	)	
INTERFACE FOR EVALUATING A	)	
SUPPLY BASE OF A SUPPLY CHAIN	)	

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2004, please enter the following response. The Examiner set a three-month period for response, thus making this Amendment due on or before October 12, 2004. The Applicant is requesting a one-month extension. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

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